

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 234.6(4), the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 65, "Food Assistance Program Administration," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments change the methodology for determining the annual changes to the standard utility allowance amounts that are given as income deductions in the Food Assistance Program. The United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) allows states to adjust these amounts annually based on a methodology approved by FNS. When the Department submitted its request for the October 1, 2009, adjustment, FNS approved the change but informed the Department that the current methodology would not be accepted for future years. The Department must develop a methodology that will meet federal approval.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations because the allowances must be approved by FNS and the Department has no authority to waive them. Food Assistance benefits are entirely federally funded.

Notice of Intended Action for these amendments was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 19, 2010, as **ARC 8758B**. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted these amendments on July 21, 2010.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.12.

These amendments shall become effective on October 1, 2010.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [65.8] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 8758B**, IAB 5/19/10.

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